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From: Chris D'Amato
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 6:05 PM
To: Valerie Levin; LaShaun Lesley
Subject: FW: Prime Minister of Somalia- Follow-Up
Attachments: Background re Prime Minister Mohamed's visit to US.docx; Background re TFG reforms and PM Mohamed.docx; Prime Minister Mohamed CV.docx
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From: Chris D'Amato

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Subject: FW: Prime Minister of Somalia, Follow Up

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Alan

As discussed, attached please find the some background regarding the Prime Minister and his visit to the United States.

Should any of the Vice President's foreign policy or security advisors have some time to meet with Prime Minister Mohamed while he is in DC on Monday or Tuesday of next week, please let me know -- we would do whatever was possible to accommodate their schedule.

Thanks again for your time and consideration.

Warmest regards,
Chris

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Somalia – Establishing long term institutional and political stability

The current situation in Somalia, while fraught with danger and uncertainty, also offers a significant opportunity for reducing the terrorist threat emanating from the country, more effectively fighting piracy plaguing international shipping off its coast, and establishing basic democratic institutions and values there.

The new government of recently appointed Prime Minister Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed has made considerable progress on a number of these challenging fronts. The Prime Minister brings a unique background and skills to his position. He is a member of the Somali Diaspora whose own life has been shaped by the tragic, protracted war in his native country. After working in various Somali diplomatic positions as a young man, Mohamed was forced to leave Somalia by the chaos there to seek security and freedom for his family in the United States. He received his higher education here and established a distinguished career in local and state government. He became a model US Citizen.

While fully inculcated in American democratic values Mohamed retained a devotion to his homeland that led him to return to Somalia in November 2010 to assume the position of Prime Minister there. In that capacity he is well positioned to help build a relatively stable nation state there *while also being mindful of the legitimate interests of the United States in helping secure Somalia from the twin evils of terrorism and piracy.*

The questions US policymakers must face are clear: do we want to help a government that is sympathetic to US security concerns, that is headed by a PM who understands and appreciates American values, who is making progress against Al Qaeda-linked Al Shabab, and who has established a more credible, effective, and honest government in Mogadishu than it has perhaps ever had.

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If the answer to these questions is yes, then the following **Somali Roadmap to Peace** is offered:

- The Somali PM is committed to meeting US objections to simply extending the transitional government for another three years. Instead he proposes a one year Interim Government that will meet a clear timetable with measurable benchmarks toward democratic elections and a more inclusive political system.
- The Interim Government will call for a Constituent Assembly bringing together all the various tribal and political elements in the country to devise a Constitution and electoral process leading to the creation of a workable parliamentary structure.
- This inclusive and transparent political process will aim to create a parliament that is broadly representative of the Somali nation but of manageable size.
- A schedule of parliamentary elections will be set for one year from the termination of the current transitional government in August 2011.
- The new Parliament will be in place by 2012 to select a new President, who will appoint a new PM thereafter.

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Reforms

In its first 50 days in office, members of the Independent Constitutional Commission were appointed to engage Somali constitutional lawyers, religious scholars and experts in Somali culture over the nation's upcoming new constitution, a key part of the government's Transitional Federal Tasks.

To improve transparency, Cabinet ministers were required to fully disclose their assets and signed a code of ethics. An Anti-Corruption Commission with the power to carry out formal investigations and to review government decisions and protocols was established so as to more closely monitor all activities by public officials. A budget outlining 2011's federal expenditures was also put before and approved by members of parliament, with the payment of civil service employees prioritized. In addition, a full audit of government property and vehicles is being put into place.

Personal life

Mohamed was born in Mogadishu Somalia in 1962, and holds both Somali and American citizenship. He is married to Zeinab Moallim, with whom he has four children; two sons and two daughters, aged 7 to 19.

Education

Mohamed was educated in the United States at the State University of New York at Buffalo. In 1993, he completed a Bachelor's Degree in history. In 2009 he received a Master's Degree in Political Science (American Studies). His dissertation was titled: "U.S. Strategic Interest in Somalia: From the Cold War Era to the War on Terror."

Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed

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Political analysts who have weighed in on the selection have generally expressed optimism in Mohamed's prospects of fulfilling his duties as Prime Minister in the face of an obstinate insurgency in the southern part of the country. Factors cited include Mohamed's background in the Somali Diaspora; his lack of political baggage; his diplomatic and administrative experience; his commitment to democratic principles; his relatively young age; and the fresh perspective he brings to his office by which he aims to generate greater public support for the government among Somalia's beleaguered people.

United Nations General Ban Ki-Moon personally congratulated Mohamed on his new appointment, and commended the Somali leadership for having reached a consensus on procedural arrangements that facilitated a transparent and consultative confirmation of the Premier. The African Union also welcomed the new Prime Minister and re-affirmed the AU's support for the Somali government.

On November 1, 2010, Mohamed was sworn into office at a ceremony held in the presidential residence, Villa Somalia.

On November 12, 2010, Mohamed named a new Cabinet. He noted that "the Somali people and the international community were waiting for a competent and credible Somali cabinet, and I am happy to appoint this lean, capable cabinet." The ministerial positions were significantly reduced in number, with only 18 administrative posts versus the previous government's bloated 39 positions. Only two Ministers from the previous Cabinet were reappointed. The remaining ministerial positions were largely assigned to technocrats new to the Somali political arena.

War on Terror and Piracy

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From: Dana Sanneman
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 10:58 AM
To: Valerie Levin
Subject: FW: Prime Minister of Somalia- Follow-Up
Attachments: Somalia Memo.pdf; Somalia add'l info.pdf; PM Mohamed Bio.pdf
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-----Original Message-----

From: Dana Sanneman
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 3:05 PM
To: Arthur.Estopinan@mail.house.gov
Cc: Chris D'Amato; jzagameny@msn.com; Vito Fossella; Joel Giambra; LaShaun Lesley
Subject: Prime Minister of Somalia- Follow-Up
Importance: High

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Hi Art,

As per your conversation with Sen. D'Amato, attached please find the additional documents regarding the Prime Minister of Somalia that you requested. I have attached the Prime Minister's bio, a brief memo, and some additional information you may find useful. Park Strategies, LLC and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Republic of Somalia. I've copied John Zagame, Cong. Vito Fossella, Joel Giambra, LaShaun Lesley, and Chris D'Amato on this email. They are part of the team working on the Prime Minister's U.S. visit. Vito will be with the Prime Minister in Washington and both he and LaShaun can help coordinate meetings on his behalf.

Please let us know if you have any further questions. We can be reached via email or at (212) 883 5608.

Thank you in advance for your time.

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From: LaShaun Lesley
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 11:10 AM
To: darlene.murray@mail.house.gov
Subject: Purpose of Meeting

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Good morning Darlene,

To begin I have to inform you that Park Strategies, LLC and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Republic of Somalia.

Per your request, the purpose of the meeting is to introduce Congressman Payne to the Prime Minister of Somali and to give him an update on the transitional government and current issues concerning the country (terrorism, piracy etc.). As I mentioned in our conversation this morning, I believe that a Special Envoy may come in place of Prime Minister Mohammed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thanks for your help with this.

Regards,

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From: LaShaun Lesley
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 12:24 PM
To: Murray, Darlene
Subject: RE: Purpose of Meeting

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Darlene,

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Yes that is his name.

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From: Murray, Darlene [mailto:Darlene.Murray@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 12:13 PM
To: LaShaun Lesley
Subject: RE: Purpose of Meeting

Ok, Is this the name of the Prime Minister Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed?

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From: LaShaun Lesley [mailto:LLesley@parkstrategies.com]
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 12:16 PM
To: Murray, Darlene
Subject: Re: Purpose of Meeting

Yes it is, I do not know the special envoy's name.

----- Original Message -----

From: Murray, Darlene <Darlene.Murray@mail.house.gov>
To: LaShaun Lesley
Sent: Mon Mar 14 12:04:08 2011
Subject: RE: Purpose of Meeting

Hello LaShaun,

Thanks for this information, is this the same request that came from the Former Congressman Fossella? Also can you give me the name of the Special Envoy?

Darlene

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From: LaShaun Lesley [mailto:LLesley@parkstrategies.com]
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 11:10 AM
To: Murray, Darlene

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From: LaShaun Lesley
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 12:45 PM
To: kate.middleton@mail.house.gov
Subject: Meeting for Prime Minister of Somalia

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Good afternoon Ms. Middleton,

To begin I have to inform you that Park Strategies, LLC and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Republic of Somalia.

Ms. Middleton, I would like to secure a brief 10 minute meeting for the Prime Minister of Somalia, Mohamed A. Mohamed. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the PM to Congressman Burton and to update him on the transitional government and issues concerning the country such as terrorism and piracy. Two members of the Park Strategies team and the Prime Minister would like to meet with the Congressman between 12- 2pm and 4-6pm, today.

Best Regards,

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From: LaShaun Lesley
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 12:45 PM
To: Valerie Levin
Subject: FW: Meeting with Prime Minister Mohamed of Somalia

From: LaShaun Lesley
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 12:39 PM
To: 'Toby.watkins@mail.house.gov'
Subject: Meeting with Prime Minister Mohamed of Somalia

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Good morning Toby,

To begin I have to inform you that Park Strategies, LLC and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Republic of Somalia.

Toby, I would like to secure a brief 10 minute meeting for the Prime Minister of Somalia, Mohamed A. Mohamed. The purpose of the meeting would be to introduce the PM to Congresswoman Wilson and to update her on the transitional government and issues concerning the country such as terrorism and piracy. Two members of the Park Strategies team and the Prime Minister would like to meet with the Congresswoman between 12- 2pm and 4-6pm, today.

Best Regards,

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From: LaShaun Lesley
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 1:24 PM
To: Valerie Levin
Subject: Fax sent to Congressman Gallely's Office
Attachments: DOC031411.pdf

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From: LaShaun Lesley
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 1:43 PM
To: elaine.wilson@mail.house.gov
Subject: Meeting with the Prime Minister of Somalia

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Good afternoon Ms. Wilson,

To begin I have to inform you that Park Strategies, LLC and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Republic of Somalia.

Ms. Wilson, Hello my name is LaShaun Lesley and I spoke with Robert in your office regarding securing a brief 10 minute meeting for the Prime Minister of Somalia, Mohamed A. Mohamed. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the PM to Congressman Manzullo and to update the Congressman on the transitioning government and issues concerning the country such as terrorism and piracy. Two members of the Park Strategies team and the Prime Minister would like to meet with the Congressman anytime between 12- 2pm and 4-6pm, today. Any time that you have would be appreciated.

Best Regards,

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From: LaShaun Lesley
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 2:15 PM
To: heather.estler@mail.house.gov
Subject: Meeting with Prime Minister of Somalia Mohamed

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Good afternoon Heather,

To begin I have to inform you that Park Strategies, LLC and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Republic of Somalia.

Ms. Heather, I would like to secure a brief 10 minute meeting for the Prime Minister of Somalia, Mohamed A. Mohamed. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the PM to Congressman Engel and/or legislative staffers, to give an update on the transitioning government and issues concerning the country such as terrorism and piracy. Two members of the Park Strategies team and the Prime Minister would like to meet with the Congressman between 12- 2pm and 4-6pm, today. Any availability that you have would be appreciated.

Best Regards,

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From: LaShaun Lesley
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 2:42 PM
To: Caitlin.dorman@mail.house.gov
Subject: Meeting for Deputy Chief of Missions Jacob Chang

This material is distributed by Park Strategies, LLC on behalf of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States. Additional information is available at the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Caitlin, as you know, Park Strategies, LLC and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) in the United States.

Now with that out of the way, Caitlin, I would like to confirm that April 5, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. is good for Deputy Chief of Missions Jacob Chang, thanks so much for coordinating this meeting. I hope that you are having a nice day.

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From: LaShaun Lesley
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 3:51 PM
To: Estler, Heather
Subject: RE: meeting w/ Congressman Engel

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Hello Heather, I have to inform you again that Park Strategies, LLC and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Republic of Somalia.

Heather does Congressman Engel or Jason have time to meet with the Special Envoy of Somalia tomorrow? Let me know.

Thanks so much for your work on this.

LaShaun

From: Estler, Heather [mailto:Heather.Estler@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 3:20 PM
To: LaShaun Lesley
Subject: meeting w/ Congressman Engel

I'm very sorry, Jason does not have time to meet with Prime Minister Mohamed A. Mohamed. Perhaps another time, thank you!

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Valerie Levin

From: LaShaun Lesley
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 5:27 PM
To: Smith, Mackenzie
Subject: RE:

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Mackenzie,

Thank you so much for your help on this. I have to inform you again that Park Strategies, LLC and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Republic of Somalia.

Mackenzie, the attendees for the meeting are Former Congressman, Vito Fossella and John Zagame, Former CoS for U.S. Senator Alfonse D' Amato. By the way, what is the name of the Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Bass and where will the meeting take place?

Thanks so much,

LaShaun

From: Smith, Mackenzie [<mailto:Mackenzie.Smith@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 4:24 PM
To: LaShaun Lesley
Subject:

Our COS will be available to meet tomorrow morning at 10:00am.

MacKenzie Smith
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